



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/690,198 Confirmation No. 2250
Applicant : Collins *et al.*
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Examiner : Shahnam J. Sharareh

Docket No. : 07959.105025
Customer No. : 20786

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

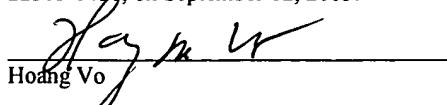
Transmitted herewith are papers in the above-identified application.

Amendment and Response.
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
 No additional fee is required.
 The additional fee is calculated as shown below:

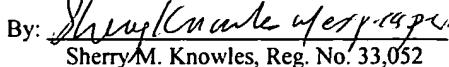
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
TOTAL	154	MINUS	120=	34	x9	\$306	x18	\$
INDEP.	7	MINUS	3=	4	x42	\$168	x84	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+140	\$0	+280	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				\$474			\$	

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is attached for the extension of time fee.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-0980. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 12, 2003.


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